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erative, either by a referendum vote to be in the bounds of the National Officers by a certain time, or, that it may be held in abeyance for a year and then, unless there is definite objection raised by a certain proportion of the Chapters, it may automatically become part of our law.

That the work of the Council may be carried on intelligently along any of these lines it is imperative that the delegates and the Chapters they represent, should make themselves thoroughly ac-

quainted with the Constitution as it now stands, and have in mind the changes they wish made to meet their ideas, and also the means to bring these changes about.

And finally, I want to make the point that, in a democratic institution, laws are largely if not wholly the result of conspicuousness, and it is with that spirit that we must meet this summer.

F. W. SCHACHT,
National President.

From the National Secretary

After considerable preliminary correspondence extending over several months, the petition of the group at the University of Pennsylvania for a charter to establish an active Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa was sent in on April 4, 1916. It contained the following names:

Frank P. Graves**	A. Duncan Yocom*
Arthur J. Jones*	Ambrose L. Suhrie*
Harlan Updegraff*	John H. Minnick**
Armin L. Saeger**	Armin L. Saeger**
Charles L. Harlan**	H. J. Humpstone
Samuel H. Ziegler	Foster H. Starkey
Donald M. Marvin	Frederic A. Child
Joseph W. Huff	Charlton H. Babb
John J. Fisher	Howard R. Omiyake
Francis B. Haas	Philip A. Boyer
Wilmer A. Kreider	Frank H. Kramer
Samuel L. Chew	Carmon Ross

The petition was immediately sent on to President Schacht, who approved it and forwarded it to the other members of the Executive Committee. After the petition had received the unanimous approval of the National Officers it was placed before the Chapters on May 13. By June 15 the following Chapters had approved the petition:

Alpha, Gamma, Delta, Epsilon, Zeta, Eta, Theta, Iota, Kappa, Lambda, Mu, Nu, Xi, Pi.

Three Chapters did not vote:
Beta, Omicron, Rho.

The approval of eleven Chapters is required. The new Chapter will be installed at the earliest convenience of the petitioners.

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On April 20 a petition signed by the following members of Phi Delta Kappa was sent in asking for a charter to establish an Alumni Chapter at Fresno, Cal.: B. O. Stagner, Missouri; Herman E. Carlson, California; Howard K. Dickson, California; Martin A. Swenson, Kansas; Clarence L. Phelps, A. E. Rae, J. C. Shamberger, C. L. McLane, Stanford; John F. Graham, Ivor F. Torrey, California; P. H. Benson, Washington.

It was later reported that four others would be added to the Chapter roll.

This petition received the unanimous approval of the National Officers and was placed before the Chapters on May 13. At the present time it has received the approval of thirteen Chapters and is therefore entitled to a charter and installation at once.

The following is a list of the suggestions that have been made in regard to

items of business to be introduced at the next meeting of the National Council of Phi Delta Kappa:

1. The question of whether faculty members shall be active or associate members of the local Chapters.
2. The possibility of lowering the initiation fee.
3. The race question—the question of the admission of those other than whites.

4. A national due.
5. A plan for the biennial meeting or the Council.
6. A more definite plan for the use of the initiative by Chapters.
7. A clearer statement of the status of Alumni Chapters.
8. A plan of support for the National Magazine.

Roy E. WARREN, Nat'l Sec.

Faculty Members--Active or Associate

(By J. David Houser, Nat'l Historian.)

The question of the status of faculty members of Phi Delta Kappa has worked considerable discussion. It must be recalled that for a time they were classed as associate members. Then this status was changed to include all faculty members as active and on exactly the same basis as student members except where honorary membership had been conferred on them. Finally at the Council of 1915 the original classification was adopted and in the present constitution it is provided that faculty men shall be limited to associate membership only.

Too much space and time would be involved in even a summary of all the arguments put forward in the Council of 1915 in favor of this legislation, but it must be stated positively that the provision was adopted only after the most careful consideration of the entire situation and was dictated solely by a desire to remedy certain conditions felt to be inimical to the welfare of Phi Delta Kappa and to provide legislation believed to be for the best interests of the entire Fraternity.

Unfortunately it has been mistakenly assumed in several quarters that the desire existed among the members of the 1915 Council to discourage interest in

Phi Delta Kappa on the part of faculty members, and it has apparently been believed by some that this legislation was actuated by real antagonism toward the faculty members on the rolls of the various chapters. Nothing could be further from the truth. In answer to objections from several sources, based upon a chivalric desire to protect faculty members from what has been erroneously believed to be unjust discrimination, the statements made above as to the motives actuating this legislation must be emphatically reaffirmed.

Nothing even remotely resembling antagonism toward faculty men or their normal activity was exhibited at the 1915 Council. The full value—the absolute indispensability—of faculty participation in chapter activities was fully realized by all the delegates. It was affirmed and reaffirmed that a divorce between the faculty of departments of education and the chapters was not to be thought of, and that the inspiration and guidance of these teachers was invaluable. All of the delegates felt that there had been men on various faculties whose influence had been a thing of the greatest value, and it is not difficult to imagine that antagonism was furthest from their thoughts.